

Application No.: 09/938,551

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Response to the Office Action of June 29, 2004

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the Abstract to read as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The object of the present invention is to provide a~~ A punch press capable of carrying out various processing with few tools, and the exchanging of the cartridges efficiently. ~~The~~ The punch press includes a punch frame 2 including the having upper and lower transferring and loading paths 17, 18 wherein ~~the~~ upper and lower cartridges 7 loaded with a punch tool and a die tool, respectively, ~~can move in or move out freely, is employed~~ move in or move out freely. ~~The~~ A ram 38 ~~is employed for driving~~ drives the punch tool of the upper cartridge 7. The transferring and loading paths 17, 18 are employed wherein the upper and lower cartridges 7 are capable of being stored and discharged to the inside and the outside of the press frame 2 independently. The upper and lower transferring and loading paths 17, 18 are capable of storing at least two cartridges 7 to the front and the back of the moving-in and moving-out direction. The cartridge transferring and loading ~~means~~ paths 17, 18 are capable of transferring independently the front and back cartridges 7.